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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS  
IMPRISONMENT FOR COCAINE DISTRIBUTION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JUAN MORALES, also known as “Juan Ibarra”, 30, Chihuahua, Mexico, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to an indictment charging him with Distribution of 500 Grams or More of Cocaine.

The charges in this case arose out of joint investigation conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Police Department.

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The evidence at today's hearing demonstrated that MORALES was arrested in October of 2002, after he distributed nearly one kilogram of cocaine to an undercover police officer in a covert operation that lasted nearly three months. During the investigation, MORALES indicated that he would be able to supply multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine to the undercover officer on a regular basis.

According to Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 4 years supervised release following MORALES's release from imprisonment, if he is not deported to Mexico.

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